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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German PS 197 02 593

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was identified and discussed at page 2 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants.

A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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